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11. LEAD STORIES: Top stories on Tuesday morning included the arrest on Monday of the presidents of three Tokyo trading firms for an alleged attempt to illegally export to Myanmar on behalf of North Korea a device believed to be necessary for developing long-range ballistic missiles.

12. "Turning Point for Independence and Stability of Iraq" The business-oriented Nikkei editorialized (6/30): "The withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraqi cities is a major step. After six years of a war started by the Bush administration, Iraq is approaching an important turning point for its independence and stability.... There are many challenges in achieving independence, restoration, and stability. In addition to the reinforcement of Iraqi security forces to contain terrorism, the political process for easing sectarian and ethnic confrontations will become increasingly important."

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